

**What is Claimed is:**

1. A method for generating an audio alert, comprising:
  - detecting an alert condition
  - determining a notification path associated with the alert condition;
  - constructing an audio notification message based on at least one parameter associated with the alert condition; and
  - outputting the audio notification message via the notification path.
2. The method of claim 1, further including defining audio characteristics associated with the audio notification message.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein constructing an audio notification message includes identifying a portion of the message that is likely to be difficult for a user to understand and replacing the identified portion with a more easily understood synonym.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting an alert condition includes detecting an alert condition within a plurality of subsystems of a network management application.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising defining at least one audio characteristic associated with the audio notification message.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the audio characteristic is a volume.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein the audio characteristic is a balance.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the audio messages presented in accordance with a filter.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining the notification path includes analyzing a parameter associated with the alert condition and selecting the notification path based on the parameter.

5 10. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the notification path includes analyzing an escalation list.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein constructing the audio notification message includes:

10 determining a user associated with the audio notification message;  
determining a language preference associated with the user; and  
constructing the audio message based on the language preference.

12. A method for processing an audio command, comprising:  
15 receiving an audio command from a user;  
processing the audio command to derive command data;  
constructing a command based on the command data; and  
storing the command in an object repository.

13. A system for generating an audio alert, comprising:  
20 means for detecting an alert condition  
means for determining a notification path associated with the alert condition;  
means for constructing an audio notification message based on at least one parameter associated with the alert condition; and  
means for outputting the audio notification message via the notification path.

25 14. A system for processing an audio command, comprising:  
means for receiving an audio command from a user;  
means for processing the audio command to derive command data;  
means for constructing a command based on the command data; and  
30 means for storing the command in an object repository.

15. A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for generating an audio alert, including:

computer readable instructions for detecting an alert condition

5 computer readable instructions for determining a notification path associated with the alert condition;

computer readable instructions for constructing an audio notification message based on at least one parameter associated with the alert condition; and

10 computer readable instructions for outputting the audio notification message via the notification path.

16. A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for processing an audio command, including:

computer readable instructions for receiving an audio command from a user;

15 computer readable instructions for processing the audio command to derive command data;

computer readable instructions for constructing a command based on the command data; and

computer readable instructions for storing the command in an object repository.